

## NATIONAL BUSINESS LEAGUE.

The Boston Meeting a Big Success—The Features Good Order, Good Reports of the Business Status of the Race—Excerpts and Paragraphs on the Personnel of the Convention—Permanent Organization.

Boston, Mass., Special.—The Business Convention was a monumental success. No one who looked into the earnest faces of the 150 delegates present, or saw that surging, anxious throng that stood in front of Parker Memorial Temple awaiting the opening of the doors, filling the street from curb to curb, and that large auditorium within five minutes after the door was open, or saw what interest the convention aroused in the community and the space given to the reports of its proceedings by all the newspapers of Boston and vicinity can doubt that. Another thing the leadership of Mr. Booker T. Washington was acknowledged. The most ardent and pertinent carper and critic was silenced. Mr. Washington and the Convention carried Boston by storm. At the morning session the Hon. John J. Smith of Boston welcomed the delegates to the city and in the evening Mayor Hart came in and in a most pleasing and encouraging speech surrendered the keys to the city. A notable feature of the convention was this: There was no crying about prejudice or railing against conditions. The speeches were all manly.

The Convention was called to order by Dr. Samuel E. Courtney, chairman of the local committee. Hon. Lewis F. Baldwin, former councilman and a successful real estate dealer of Cambridge was made temporary chairman. After the appointment of the proper committees on credentials, resolutions, etc., Mr. Andrew F. Hilyer of Washington, D. C., was introduced to read a paper on the Colored American in Business. Mr. Hilyer is a graduate of the university of Minnesota. He was one of the founders and for many years a director of the Colored Building association of Washington, where he now resides. He has compiled and published three editions of a directory of colored business men and women of Washington, and was the founder and first president of the Union League of colored business men of that city. Mr. Hilyer has been a close student of the industrial and business status of the race, and has had exceptional opportunity to study the question at first hand.

His address was full of statistics showing the business status of the race. He said that the census of 1890—twenty-five years after emancipation showed more than 20,000 colored business men and women—besides many more whose business was such that the census did not separate the "proprietors" from those following that "occupation." On his trip South last winter as the agent of the Negro exhibit at Paris he had personally visited 143 first-class places of business kept by persons of color in 15 cities and towns—Prof. Du Bois he said, has collected statistics of 1906 such places, and estimates the amount of capital invested by Negroes in business to be over eight and three quarter millions of dollars.

Mr. Booker T. Washington was elected permanent chairman, Mr. Lewis F. Baldwin vice-chairman, presiding throughout the deliberations of the convention with great ability; Mr. E. E. Cooper, secretary.

Mr. Giles B. Jackson of Richmond, Va., read a carefully prepared paper on "The Negro in Real Estate." In opening his paper, Mr. Jackson said that a Negro bank in Richmond, Va., loaned that city \$100,000 in order to pay the school bill. The Negro as a real estate dealer is gaining property in the South. One twentieth of the property in seven counties in Virginia is owned by Negroes.

"Turned loose on the 8d day of April, 1865, without one foot of land or one dollar to purchase it, now in these 35 years the Negro has accumulated and owns one-twenty-sixth of all the land in the State; he owns one-sixteenth of all the lands in Virginia east of the Rye Ridge; he owns one-tenth of all the land in 25 counties out of the 100 counties in the State; he owns one-seventh of Middlesex county, one-sixth of Hanover county, one-third of Charles City county, and he is acquiring land at the rate of about 50,000 acres a year.

He was followed by Mr. James E. Shepherd of Raleigh, N. C., who said the Negroes owned one-fortieth of the land in North Carolina. Mr. M. M. Lewey spoke on the The Negro Business enterprises of Pensacola, Fla., and Mr. J. W. Pullen of Enfield, N. C.

Mr. Pullen was introduced by President Washington as the man who led the charge at San Juan hill. This brought out continuous cheers. In his address the speaker said:

"I should like to refute the statement of a gentleman, who, by the help of the Negro won the governorship of New York, and is now looking for the Vice-Presidency. The statement made by him referred to urging Negro regulars forward at the point of a revolver is maliciously false. He might have seen one or two men looking for water, but he never urged a single Negro forward. During that charge not a Negro turned back. (Cheers.) It is against all precedents of Negro fighting to turn back. He has never turned back."

Dr. A. J. Love gave a very encouraging account of the colored people in business in Chattanooga, Tenn., Dr. Dungee of Montgomery, Ala., J. Douglass Wetmore of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mr. R. B. Hudson of Selma, Ala. Dr. L. L. Burwell of Selma, Ala., Dr. E. K. Ebert of Wilmington, Del., and Dr. A. M. Brown of Birmingham spoke on Negroes in the drug business. Mr. Gilbert C. Harris, proprietor of Boston's most extensive hair store, spoke on the hair business, and Mrs. Alice Casneau the author of a popular work on dress making and a successful dress maker, read a most interesting paper on her art.

At the evening session the large hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. Not half the people who desired admission got near enough even to peep in. The mayor of Boston was present and turned over the keys of the city to the delegates in a happily-phrased and very encouraging speech. William Lloyd Garrison, jr., was also present and delivered a magnificent address. The audience was also entertained by several choice selections by that beautiful singer Mrs. Nellie Brown Mitchell. Mr. W. R. Pettiford, President of the Alabama Penny Savings Bank, Birmingham, spoke on the real value of the saving bank. Mr. T. W. Walker of that city told of the operations of the "Grate Coal Mining Co."

Hon. Isiah T. Montgomery, founder and mayor of Mound Bayou, Miss., told how he built this Negro town, as did Hon. J. C. Leftwich founder and mayor of Klondyke, Ala. It developed in the discussion that there are at least two other towns with colored mayors. Hobson City, Ala., and Livemore, S. C.

On the second day Mr. W. O. Emery, of Macon, spoke of the Negro business enterprises of Georgia; Mr. J. A. Williams of Omaha, Neb. Mr. J. H. Lewis, Boston's most successful tailor who has \$40,000 invested in his business—is the leading tailor for the fashionable "Harvard set" and does an annual business of \$125,000, delivered a thoughtful and valuable paper on the business of the merchant tailor. He was followed by Mr. R. J. Palmer, a large dealer in dry goods and clothing in Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. Alberta Moore Smith, and Mr. Theodore W. Jones, both of Chicago. At this juncture Dr. Meserve, President of Shaw University and Dr. Frissell of Hampton, were introduced and both gave a few words of encouragement. Mr. David B. Allen of Newport, R. I., and Mr. W. E. Potter of Philadelphia spoke on the cater in business.

## THE AFRO-AMERICAN PUBLISHER.

Mr. T. Thomas Fortune of New York read a most thoughtful and interesting paper on the Afro American publisher. It was brim full of wit, humor and wisdom. Others who read papers were as follows: T. H. Thomas, Galveston, Texas, Barbering; J. S. Gile, "Negroes in Business in Charleston." Thomas Screen of Georgia, Negroes in the fuel business. A general discussion followed from the floor, which brought out much new information.

Mr. Geo. C. Jones an undertaker of Little Rock, Ark., told how he had gradually won for himself the largest business in his town. "No undertaker," said he, "in my town can conduct a funeral without hiring my carriages and hearse." The last speaker of the afternoon was Mr. A. E. Crockett, of Meriden, Conn., whose subject was, "The Negro Florist."

## CATARRH OF THE PELVIC ORGANS.

## The Reason Why So Many Women Are Sick.



Mrs. Eliza Wike, 190 Iron St., Akron, O.

Mrs. Eliza Wike says: "I would be in my grave now if it had not been for your God-sent remedy, Pe-ru-na. Everybody says I am looking so much better. No doctor could help me as Pe-ru-na did. I was a broken-down woman. It is now seven years past that I was cured."

Mrs. Sarah Gallitz, of Luton, Ia., also writes: "I was suffering with the change of life. I had spells of flowing every two or three weeks, which would leave me nearly dead. I had given up hope of being cured, when I heard of Dr. Hartman's remedies and began to use them. I am entirely cured, and give all the credit to Pe-ru-na."

But comparatively few women who are suffering with pelvic catarrh know that this is the case. Their trouble is called dyspepsia, heart trouble, female weakness, weak lungs, nervous debility; indeed, almost the whole category of medical terms has been applied to catarrh of some organ of the female anatomy. If these women could only realize that their trouble is probably ca-

tarrh of the organs peculiar to women or pelvic organs, and cure themselves with Pe-ru-na, how much unnecessary suffering would be saved.

Mrs. Karolina Suter, 2138 Vine street, Cincinnati, O., says: "Two years ago I fell on the ice. At first I did not think that I had hurt myself; but several months after I felt pains in the abdomen, and a little later my menses failed to appear. I wrote to you in regard to it, hearing that you cured female troubles, and followed your directions. I took Pe-ru-na and Man-a-lin. I now have the best of health."

Mrs. Marie Hanson, of Niebull, Wis., writes: "About two years ago I had disease of the kidneys and womb. I was in a weak, nervous condition and began to have dreadful palpitation of the heart. I was confined to the bed. I had given up all hope of ever being well again. I commenced taking Pe-ru-na. I found relief when I had taken the first bottle. Now I have taken seven bottles of Pe-ru-na. I thank you for your advice and I am glad I can say that I am well now."

Dr. Hartman has written a book especially for women. It treats of female catarrh in all its different phases and stages. It contains common sense talks on subjects which should interest every woman. A book will be sent free to any woman. Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O.



At the evening session long before time to open the doors the street in front of the hall was packed with people anxious to be admitted. Within five minutes after the doors were opened standing room could not be found. This session proved most interesting of all. Among those who spoke were: Dr. D. J. Cunningham of Pensacola, Fla., Eugene F. Booz of Clarkdale, Miss., J. F. Fowles of Evington, Va., D. P. Smith of Lynchburg, Va., Dr. Phillips of Jackson, Tenn., J. W. Franklin of Chattanooga and Mr. Roscoe Simmons who told about the successes of the Coleman Cotton Mills, costing \$100,000 and employing 250 persons.

## Street Cars from St. Luke's Picnic.

The energetic committee, consisting of Messrs. Frances Upsher, Eugene Brooks, sr., and R. H. Nugent, having in charge the arrangements for transportation from St. Luke's picnic, Lake View Park, on next Friday, the 7th, inst., have concluded an agreement with the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company, whereby cars will be so operated that there will be absolutely no inconvenience to persons returning to the city at any time up to midnight on the date of the picnic. This ought to put to rest the erroneous impression that has gone abroad to the effect that some difficulty is experienced in getting in from the Park. All cars will stop at the District line, going in either direction, and the train dispatcher at the Line will be under official orders to provide extra cars to relieve the overcrowding of cars at that point. This was done at the picnic of Shiloh Baptist church and gave entire satisfaction to the patrons of that picnic.

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## Mr. George Bush's Bazaar.

Mr. George Bush, one of the enterprising Bush brothers, has recently purchased Sullivan's cafe and saloon at 701 Fourth street, n. w., opposite the Pension Office. Mr. Bush is an enterprising business man and one of the most popular bonifaces around Washington. With his characteristic enterprise he has re fitted and re-furnished the place and has stocked it with the choicest kinds of wines, liquors and beers, as well as the finest brands of cigars and tobacco. Mr. Bush counts his friends by the score and invites